

REMARKS

The Examiner has noted that claims 38-42, 44-51, 53-60, 62-65, and 67-69 are allowed. The Examiner has also indicated that claims 4-7, 9, 11, 15-18, 20, 24-27, 29, 31, 33-35, and 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 12, 21, and 32 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claims 4, 15, 24, and 33 (and any intervening claims), respectively. Claims 4, 15, 24, and 33 have been cancelled, and dependent claims 5, 16, 25, and 34 have also been amended to correct their dependencies from their cancelled claims to their respective independent claims.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-14, 16-18, 20-23, 25-27, 29-32, 34-35, 37-42, 44-51, 53-60, 62-65, and 67-69 remain pending. Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number listed at the bottom of this page.

Respectfully submitted,
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